

Albany January 27. 1776

Friend Meece.

Genl. Schuyler has returned from his Expedition agt Sir John Johnson, he had when all his men were together about six thousand, among them one thousand Germans from the G. Flats who came in a Body. The Genl. forced Sir John to deliver up all his Arms which seven Cannon (one Brass) and about four hundred Small Arms, took a number of Hostages for the faithful Performance of Treaty & future good behavior. The General on his March met the Northern Indians who attempted to interpose, told him they much feared the consequences of this Expedition & desired him to desist &c. Genl. told them he that they had lately opened the Road clear for him to pass with his Men thro their Country, wherever he had occasion to pursue his Enemies, & that he did not expect to be opposed by them. They answered that it was true that such a Treaty was made. But the Warriors on this Occasion - they had a regard for the Family of Johnson &c. - The Genl. answered them very tartly - That when he made a Treaty with Indians he included the whole Tribe - They might do as they pleased that if any injury is done to one man with me, I will pursue the Offender to the very ends of the earth - The Northern Indians retired, and soon returned in a more content - they should not interpose - Mr Livingston has received a Letter from Canada which says that Genl. Montgommery is not Dead, that a Ball went into his Mouth & Pass'd out slanting thro the Jaw and Pass'd under the Ear, not blooded, that the Enemy gave out he was Dead to dishearten our Men &c. But we do not credit it tho above, it must be only surmised - A Post came from Canada yesterday, all is Quiet &c. Our Men when they went & returned from Johnsons Town Paid visits to Tories lived on them every where and in this Town they about 50 Banqueted & dined with the Mayor who was glad to give the best he could find, and came off well too - Yours &c John Pierce



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